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Percent of all college students are likely to drink over spring break, regardless of age.

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GCSU is looking to improve campus emergency call boxes by installing new software that would automatically check for malfunctions.

GCSU to tech up call boxes

BY CHRISTINE GEIGER
STAFF WRITER

SGA and Public Safety are currently looking into installing new software on existing campus emergency call boxes in addition to installing new lighting and call boxes between the residence halls and the Irwin Street lot.

The new program would oversee all the call boxes and make Public Safety immediately aware of any malfunctions, rather than the boxes simply being checked manually.

According to Kevin Murner, associate director for operations and maintenance, the emergency call boxes on GCSU's campus are manufactured by Ramtel Corporation. The new software, called Reliance Software, is also manufactured by Ramtel.

"They have come up with a software program that will test the system out on a daily basis," said Murner. "It will not only test the system out, it will also generate an e-mail to a work control site with any problems that it will find on its diagnostics of the system. It will have the capability of paging any qualified staff that is responsible for ensuring

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First day absences no more

BY KATIE HUSTON
SENIOR REPORTER

During the first days of classes each semester, some student don't really want to be there. The professors will hand out syllabi, go over a few things and maybe have everyone perform the dreaded introductions. Then the professor will dismiss class with little accomplishment.

Skipping the first days of classes is an appealing idea; sometimes even a

flawless one. Other times, classes actually get a wise jump-start on the semester and students end up missing out by missing class.

The professors are catching on to student no-shows and the 2009-2010 school year may prove to do something about it.

Dr. Jan Flynn is a professor of business and management classes at GCSU. She deals first hand with student no-shows and is on the Academic Policy

Committee (APC). The committee is heading the idea for a stricter policy to counteract absences during the first few days of each new semester.

"What we're looking at right now is just to try and get a sense of is it an issue, and how big of an issue is it," Flynn said. "From our perspective here in the School of Business, we've been doing some talking about the fact that we seem to be having more and more students who just don't

show up on the first day of classes."

The APC is nowhere near setting an exact policy guideline, but the topic is a major point of concern.

The current policy is a vague one. According to Kay Anderson at the Office of the Registrar, the policy says that professors may drop students from their class if they do not show up during the first week. Professors are

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GCSU living great in 2008



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Athletic Training major Lauren Dickson performs a knee assessment on Rachel Brochstein, junior, at Thursday's Health Fair in Magnolia Ballroom.

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

Healthy and sick alike turned out for the "Live Great in '08" Health Fair on Thursday, March 6. Held in Magnolia Ballroom, numerous organizations were present to offer information on their services. Students and faculty could have various tests done to receive advice on their bodies' well-being.

Professional medical help, nursing students, exercise science students and trainers were present to deliver accurate information on the attendees' health. The health fair offered hearing tests, sight examinations, grip strength measurements and blood pressure level

tests. Attendees could have their body composition evaluated, blood sugar and hemoglobin levels checked, knee assessments and much more. Almost all of the services were free. Freshman Heather Luyk had her knee assessed at the fair.

"The health fair gives you access to certain medical assessments that you usually have to pay for. I have always had problems with my knee and I never really knew what was wrong. At the health fair, they told me my IT band was weak. They even gave me tips on strengthening it," Luyk said.

Beginning early in the day, the volunteers were surprised at the great turn out. Both GCSU students

and faculty utilized the services throughout the entire day.

"I think the health fair went really well. I didn't think there was gonna be this many people," Andrew Marsh, a junior majoring in exercise science, said.

For many upperclassmen students in the nursing and exercise science programs, the health fair was a great way to gain experience practicing their field of study. Jessica W. Bashor, a junior in the nursing program, explains how the health fair gave her beneficial experiences.

"The fair has helped me a lot. I have taken so many people's blood

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Apartments open for summer and fall

BY TIFFANY BISHOP
STAFF WRITER

Students looking for spring subleases and fall apartments will not have to look too hard. The Grove, Magnolia Park and College Station are determined to be helpful in the quest to find the perfect place to live.

Alex Carson, the community assistant and leasing agent at The Grove, said that The Grove is near capacity for fall apartments.

"We are currently doing our leasing process," Carson said.

"We are still taking applications, but we're almost full."

The Grove will be helping students looking to sublease their apartments by making a list of residents who have other engagements this summer. Although there is no guarantee to find a sublease, people looking to sublet can then go to the leasing office and choose from there, Carson said.

Alissa Isom, leasing manager for Magnolia Park, said there are still apartments available for rent

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BRAYLI JAMES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Popular apartment complexes around Milledgeville, along with various houses, are still available for rent in the summer and fall.

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in the fall.

"We still have a few two, three and four bedrooms left," Isom said. "But we are about to run out of two bedrooms. They will probably be gone before spring break."

Magnolia Park is also offering a list of students who would like to sublet in its leasing office, as well, Isom said.

Trey Rowley, new property manager for College Station, said there are currently many apartments to choose from.

"We still have many units available in the fall," Rowley said. "We also

allow subleasing."

College Station has not started a list of students wishing to sublet, but it would be more than willing to do that. If someone would like to sublet their apartment, he should go by the leasing office and let it know, Rowley said.

Although actually going to the apartment complex's leasing office and being put on a list is one option, Facebook has turned into quite the real estate trader. The Facebook marketplace allows students to post many items, including housing.

As of March 10, there were pages of students who had posted apartments for subleases and people who were trying rent out their

apartments before their contracts were finished. Many apartments at The Grove, Magnolia Park and College station are listed, as well as others.

The process for listing an apartment on Facebook seems just as simple as going to the leasing office. Students can go to the marketplace, click on "add a new listing," choose "housing" and then "sublets." Then, they just have to fill out the description.

By looking at the number of postings, the Facebook marketplace seems to get many students' attentions, and people looking for apartments would not have to actually go down to the leasing office of the complex.



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Professor of Rhetoric, Janet Clark, undergoes a cholesterol screening preformed by graduate nursing student Frieda Trull, at Thursday's Health Fair.

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sugar today I feel like I could do it with my eyes closed," Bashor said.

Junior Beth Deen, an exercise science major, expressed similar sentiments.

"(The health fair) was very organized and we got a lot of people to come up and ask us to do tests, which gives us a lot of experience. I did like ten skin fold exams," Deen said.

Overall, the health fair was advantageous for the volunteers as much as it was for the participants. Many students gained

valuable practice performing numerous medical and physical tests.

Also present at the fair, several organizations represented their businesses with information booths. Some of the organizations include Ameriprise, BB&T, AFLAC, Verizon, the Oconee Regional Medical Center Education, the Midsouth Credit Union, Sam's Club, GCSU Weight Watchers, the American Lung Association and more.

The "Live Great in '08" health fair brought attention to many students own bodily circumstances. Since the cold season has been passing by, it was an opportunity to raise consciousness.

"I think the health fair brings up a lot of awareness. For example, a lot of females don't know that having your blood sugar level low now could affect a lot when they are trying to get pregnant," says Bashor.

Deen said, "All the tests help people have the realization of where they're at health wise. It causes them to ask, 'Am I healthy? Do I need to work on things a little bit?'"

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Executive of year tied to GCSU

BY ELISE COLCORD
STAFF WRITER

One of GCSU's own recently received the coveted title Executive of the Year for 2008. Hugh Peterson Jr. earned the title by being a successful businessman and active in the GCSU community, as well as giving back to the state of Georgia.

"It is very flattering for me to be named Executive of the Year for 2008. It is an honor which I did not expect," Peterson said upon receiving this award.

The award recipient selection process is far from easy. It involves close competition between six or seven commendable business leaders and their companies.

The board that selects the candidates consists of the dean and administration of the J. Whitney Bunting School of Business along with their cosponsor BB&T city president.

"It's nice to be able to honor one of our own," said Dean Faye Gilbert of the J. Whitney Bunting School of Business. "His contributions are worthy of note even if he weren't such a prominent member of the GCSU community."

Peterson practices walk-around management with his employees. He represents leadership in the sense that he gets his employees excited and helps them believe in the products they produce. His management abilities inspire those who come into contact with him.

"What I most enjoy is getting out to talk with people in our company," Peterson said. "I learn from these visits and come back with a deep appreciation

for the talent, skill and professionalism of those who work in our company. I suppose that this is why I might be viewed as being 'hands on.'"

"This definitely enables the company to be more successful. Those on the 'front lines' often know best what is needed to get the job done. By listening to them we can achieve better results and higher quality."

He currently oversees several projects for many building materials businesses, and works to improve single family home builders.

"I am responsible for all aspects of the company and work closely with our President and Chief Operating Officer, Gary Campbell, who is in charge of day-to-day operations," Peterson said.

The details of his job include: regular meetings and conferences with both Mr. Campbell and those in charge of our various operations; regular review of financial and operational data; periodic field visits to Choo Choo Build-it Mart stores and other operations; making or approving key decisions; and monthly status reports to the Board of Directors.

Peterson's family involvement with GCSU dates back to 1887. His grandmother, a prominent figure in the early GCSU years, has the library named after her, Ina Dillard Peterson Library.

His mother, another outstanding figure in GCSU history, earned the honor of being the third woman to serve on the Georgia Board of Representatives and the Museum Education Room is dedicated to her.

Hugh Peterson Jr.

Company: Chairman of the Board and CEO of VNS Corporation

Education: Yale University and Harvard Law School

Family: Peterson's family involvement with GCSU dates back to 1887. **His grandmother**, a prominent figure in the early GCSU years, has the library named after her, Ina Dillard Peterson Library.

His mother, the late Patience Elizabeth Russell Peterson, was a graduate of the Class of 1922 of GCSU and has the Museum Education Room dedicated to her.



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE
Hugh Peterson Jr., Chairman and CEO of VNS Corporation, talks Wednesday morning in the Peabody Auditorium. Peterson was selected as the J. Whitney Bunting School of Business Executive of the Year.

His contributions have given back to the Georgia community with his constant involvement in his building businesses and contributions toward a school he inherited a love for from his mother.

"I have been influenced by my Christian faith, my gratitude for what other

have done to help me, and by the conviction that people working together toward a common aim can accomplish much more than any one of them could accomplish acting alone," said Peterson.

No-show

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able to drop students due to excessive absences, and each professor defines their own idea of what "excessive" amounts to.

"Of course, you'd have to do something fairly for the students who register late," Anderson said.

The current policy requires professors to report absences not for consequential purposes but for financial aid purposes.

"It's a control measure for making sure they are not giving financial aid to those that are not in class," Flynn said.

The issue with student no-shows is that class space is in high demand at GCSU. If students are not taking their spot in a class seriously, some think it should be taken away from that student and given to another who was not able to get into it.

"For me the driving factor in this is the fact that we are seeing a growing number of students just simply not showing up the first day of class," she said. "We are also seeing a bigger pinch in availability of seats in classes."

The mindset for many students will immediately take offense to any policy that punishes a tuition-paying student from not attending classes.

"This whole 'Reason, Respect, Responsibility' that we preach around here, well, the responsibility is to understand the implications of your

actions," Flynn said. "Yes, you have the rights to sign up for the class, and one of your responsibilities is to be there, because if you're not there, your actions affect a number of people."

The job of the APC, right now, is to assess the issue and see if it is large enough to do something about. The committee will also look at other universities' attendance policies.

"Certainly nothing will happen until next year (if at all)," Flynn said. "We're just not in any position to make any decision at this point. We don't have the data (and) we don't have the information."

Flynn said that, before any policy is put into place, student input will definitely be heard. The APC and the University Senate will also consider any possible downsides to a new policy. Flynn is optimistic about the idea of a change in policy.

"My instincts tell me that it's reasonable, but again, I think there has to be some discussion about (the possible) downsides to it and the downside for me is I can appreciate the position of a student who says, 'It's my choice whether I want to come back to school or not,'" she said. "Over the course of the next year, we will see if it makes any sense for us."

In the mean time, students may want to reconsider vacations that extend into the school year and instead, start off the semester ready to study.

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Last Saturday many high school seniors came to campus to visit. Many clubs and activities had tables set up on Front Campus, and there were view rooms in the residence halls as well.

BY LEE SANDOW
SENIOR REPORTER

The annual GCSU Springfest was held on Saturday, March 8. Springfest is a day-long event where potential freshmen and their families come to tour the campus, view the residence halls and become acquainted with the GCSU community.

Several hundred potential freshmen came and took part in the event, which started at 9 a.m. and lasted throughout the day.

The day began early for the visitors with a welcome meeting held in Russell Auditorium. Student Ambassadors spoke to the visitors there, telling them about the university and praising its merits.

After this was concluded,

ed, freshmen were divided by whichever major they were interested in studying should they choose to come to GCSU. Many went with the undecided track.

Once these meetings were complete, visitors could visit the Bobcat Marketplace, the view-rooms in the residence halls or go to Sodexho for lunch. Students who had already confirmed they would be attending could also go to the library to take advantage of POUNCE, the system to enable them to register for classes now.

Many campus organizations had tables set up at Bobcat Marketplace, but visitor attendance was poor due to extremely cold and windy weather. Senior Noelle Rose was working at the Pride Alliance table, and noted there were fewer

students visiting the tables than there had been in previous years.

"I was hoping there would be more students there," Rose said. "I think the weather had a lot to do with keeping some visitors away, but the tables are on the way to parking spots so we got the same amount of traffic we would usually get, it's just many found it hard to stop and stand in the cold."

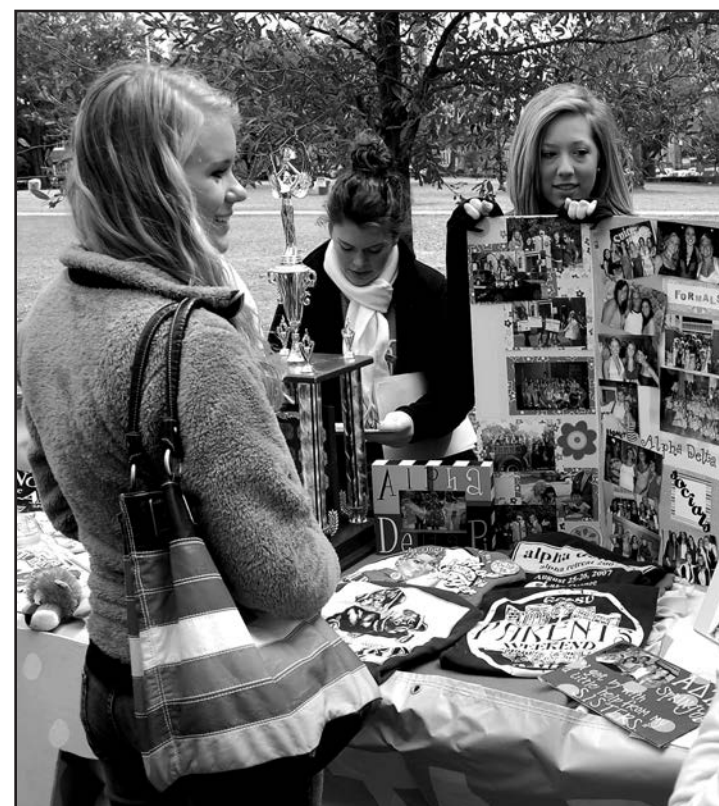
The visitors that did stop by did seem very interested in the organizations they spoke to, according to Rose.

"Our table received just about the normal amount of interest we usually get, but in general I think students were more interested in keeping warm and getting back home than they were of organizations here on campus," Rose said.

Students who toured the residence halls could view rooms in Bell Hall, Adams Hall, Wells Hall or the 600 building at West Campus. The rooms were pre-chosen by the housing staff from each building.

The Bell Hall view room was selected by residents who watched the Bell Hall Cribs video," Bell Hall C.A. Britney Graham said. "Two Bell RA's took a spin-off of the MTV Cribs show, and videoed residents' rooms that wanted to participate."

There will be more orientations held over the summer for students who elect to attend GCSU. Anyone seeking a private tour should contact the Admissions Office at 800-342-0471 or online at <http://www.gcsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visit.html>.



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Student organizations at Bobcat Marketplace display the attractions of their RSO.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET COMMITTEE Organization Eligibility and Budget Process

The Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) will be meeting soon to discuss the 2008 – 2009 funding requests by eligible student organizations. To receive funding for the next year, groups must meet the following specific eligibility requirements and follow the budget request process as stated below from the approved "Student Activities Budget Committee Policies and Procedures."

Organization Eligibility Requirements:

The group must be officially recognized and have a faculty or staff adviser. The organization must exist purely to serve or represent the student body as a whole. Programs and participation in the organization must be open to all students. The organization must not have any racial, religious, or ethnic ties which might discourage otherwise interested students from joining it and must not discriminate on the basis of race, sex or national origin.

The organization may require certain abilities or talents of its participants. However, the right to apply for membership in such an organization must be available to all interested students. Moreover, the organization must present a program which satisfies the following three requirements:

- *The program must be of general benefit to the student body and participation in the program must be open to all interested students.
- *The program must be one which the sponsoring organization is clearly better able to present than any other campus organization already being funded under criteria A.
- *The program must have sufficient value to warrant its funding when compared to other criteria spelled out above.

Approved student organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may pick-up information concerning the process and requirements for a budget hearing in the Student Affairs Office. The information may also be found in the Student Handbook Online at <http://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/handbook/advisory.html> under Student Activity Budget Committee. For full consideration eight (8) copies of the request for funding must be submitted to the SABC by March 21, 2008, c/o the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, in the Student Affairs office, Lanier Hall, room 214 or CBX 27. Approved student organizations meeting eligibility requirements are not necessarily guaranteed funding by the SABC, and organizations relating their request to the mission of the university will be given primary consideration.

National survey aims to improve campus

BY WES BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU is in a monetary chain to discover how engaged students are at GCSU. GCSU hired the National Survey of Student of Engagement (NSSE) to conduct a survey of GCSU seniors and freshmen examining the level of student involvement. In return, the school will reward chosen participants, to be decided at random, \$50 for completing the survey.

NSSE has been around since 1998 and over 700 colleges are involved in the survey this spring.

"NSSE is designed to give institutions a way to determine how involved students are in their coursework and socially around campus," Director of Institutional Research Edward Hale said. "It is a good way to understand freshman and seniors. For freshman, it measures their transition to college life, and it gives a better understanding of the impact of programs available at college. For seniors, it examines what they have done since they have been here, and it gives us the opportunity to compare senior responses with that of the freshman."

Furthermore, according to Hale, the survey is an important measure of the two pillars stressed by GCSU: getting students more involved in the residential campus and meeting all needs in enabling education to be successful.

"The survey essentially covers how active students were in classes as well out of class experiences," Hale said. "It helps GCSU create a situation where information can be applied. Lecturing, to me, is just hearing it and writing it down. We want students to be engaged and make the information theirs."

Senior rhetoric major Nichol Herman believes the survey can be a helpful instrument in enhancing this campus.

"As a senior, you don't realize how important the little things are until the last couple of months before graduation," Herman said. "The survey can help find ways to gear more activities towards specifics classes. We need to work on the school as a whole and create more activities outside of Greek life."

Along with in-campus benefits, the survey also gives GCSU the opportunity to compare to other insti-

"The data will not sit on a shelf. I want it to come alive and breathe and force people to believe in our school."

- Edward Hale,
director of
Institutional Research

tutions in state, as all schools in Georgia are participating. GCSU will compare the results to all public liberal arts universities in the country and see if GCSU's approval rate is as high as other institutions.

"With this we can compare what the school can do to improve communication and eliminate distracters, things that kept students from participating," Hale said. "It gives a better picture of what life is like for students right now."

Participants are chosen on a random sample within enrolled seniors and freshman at GCSU. Sophomores and juniors will be included in the study when the survey is done again in two years. The system works off a cohort analysis where freshman and senior classes are paired together. As cohorts cycle through, their answers will be compared to incoming classes.

The results will be posted on the institutional research website so that it may be transparent to faculty. Individual names are anonymous. The information collected in the survey is compiled aggregately not individually. NSSE is contractually obligated from selling or disclosing any names.

The benefits of the survey are as transparent as the results. GCSU is issuing an incentive of \$50 to students that complete the survey. NSSE will draw names at random and send those names to the university. From there, \$50 checks will be given to the winners. Two winners are expected to be rewarded this week and two others will be rewarded over the summer, as NSSE has extended the survey to last

throughout the semester.

The school is investigating other incentives.

"We are restricted with what we can do with state money," Hale said. "We are looking at working with campus agencies to create technology incentives."

The survey on average takes eight and half minutes to complete, and while that may seem long to some people, Hale believes the costs balance out.

"The burden is balanced by valuable information," Hale said. "It is not cheap from anyone's perspective. It costs between \$6,000 and \$9,000 to do but it is a small amount to pay to know the students are well served."

Senior math major Jessica Wehner completed the survey and found it to be a valuable resource.

"The survey was very thorough and asked some important questions that I think can only be answered by students, so I imagine if someone actually analyzes the results, then the survey would be valuable as an indicator of where improvements need to be made," Wehner said.

Wehner also gave suggestions to improve student participation.

"Well, I almost ignored the request to take the survey, but I got a few more emails telling me that it was important so eventually I decided someone must really want my input, and that's what made me take the 15 minutes or so to fill it out," Wehner said. "I guess if it can be shown how important it is or proven that it is useful, then that would motivate more students."

As far as the future goes, the information attained holds a high bearing on GCSU advancement.

"There will be a tremendous amount of discussion of where we are headed in the future," Hale said. "Once the survey is completed, I will schedule a meeting with the president, so that they will know where we are going, and things GCSU needs to address."

Hale is excited about the data and what the school can do with it.

"The data will not sit on a shelf," Hale said. "I want it to come alive and breathe and force people to believe in our school. Institutional research is also looking into a creating some climate or satisfaction surveys to narrow down the information even more."



KATIE RAGAN / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Along with updated the emergency call boxes with new software, GCSU is also contemplating adding more street lights between Irwin Street parking lot and the residence halls.

Call box

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that these systems work."

According to Murner, there are 50 call boxes on campus, and GCSU does not have enough staff to make sure they are all constantly functioning properly.

"As of right now (the call boxes) are checked on an as needed basis," said Wes Ransom, SGA senator. "They check them as problems are reported by Public Safety. Also, Public Safety officers check them routinely on their shifts."

Currently, the idea is still in the stages of getting approved. SGA is unsure if the purchasing \$3000 software and the extra fees to have the boxes updated is even possible, according to Ransom.

"If we can't get the program purchased, then we are going to at the minimum, set up a regular maintenance schedule for the call boxes," said Ransom. "That's something we're working on that as a back-up plan if the program is unavailable for us."

Many students complain that walking back from the Irwin Street lot, especially at night, can be dangerous as there are no crosswalks, street lights or emergency call boxes.

School officials and SGA recognize this problem and are actively searching out new ways to make students feel more comfortable.

"We (are) currently working on estimates to install call boxes between Irwin Street parking lot and Parkhurst Hall," said Murner.

Irwin Street has an emergency call box, video surveillance, and a security gate. The gate, which at one point had a broken piece of equipment, is now functioning. This means that after about 6 p.m. only those with a bobcat card will be granted access, according to Ransom.

The Reliance Software is currently being tested out at Providence University and will not be available elsewhere until next week, according to Murner.

Ransom feels that the software will help maintain the call boxes so students can feel safe on campus.

"Just so that it would give security in knowing that we would always know if there were any problems with (the call boxes)," Ransom said.



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Be safe over Spring Break

This is the last Colonnade before spring break, and we'd all be lying to you if we didn't 'fess up and say that we're looking forward to the break.

Some of us are going to the beach, some are going to visit friends at other schools, and some of us plan to spend the entire break catching up on sleep. All the options sound like good uses of time, even if they aren't necessarily exciting.

So for anyone who is going out on Spring Break and having a good time, we'd like to offer you a few words of advice before you go. Actually, we can sum it up in a sentence; two words, in fact.

Be careful.

Students across the nation are killed every year during their Spring Breaks because of poor decisions on their part or due to bad judgment by the people around them. And the sad fact is that most, if not all of these deaths, could be prevented by exercising common sense and caution.

If you plan to drink, don't go overboard just because you are on vacation. Know your limits, and have someone there who isn't drinking cut you off if necessary.

As always, don't drink and drive. Have the same sober friend do that.

Be careful on the road at all times. Interstates and other roads get packed, as many students from many schools are crowding them in their attempts to get to their destinations. Many people in one car can be distracting to the driver, and not everyone is nearly as attentive on the road as they need to be.

Of course, we expect all our students to make it back alive and in one piece. Still, there are other things to look out for as well.

Be watchful of your possessions. Thieves love to take advantage of tourists in unfamiliar locations, so be wary of your wallet and other valuables.

Be careful with people that you meet while you are there. They might be of perfectly good heart, but there are plenty of people out there looking to steal from you or otherwise harm you.

Of course, good-hearted people can hurt you as well. We know we're going to sound like your old sex-ed teachers, but STDs are everywhere. A recent study by the CDC revealed that one quarter of all girls between the ages of 14 and 19 have at least one of the four most common STDs. And since all of these can infect men as well, even if it doesn't damage their bodies, it would stand to reason that just as many men could be infected. What you do with your body is your own decision, but at least exercise caution with whatever you choose to do.

Finally, that tattoo that says Tampa '08 may look really tempting at the time, but down the line, you may come to regret having something printed into your skin. And really, you shouldn't need ink to remember the fun you had anyway.

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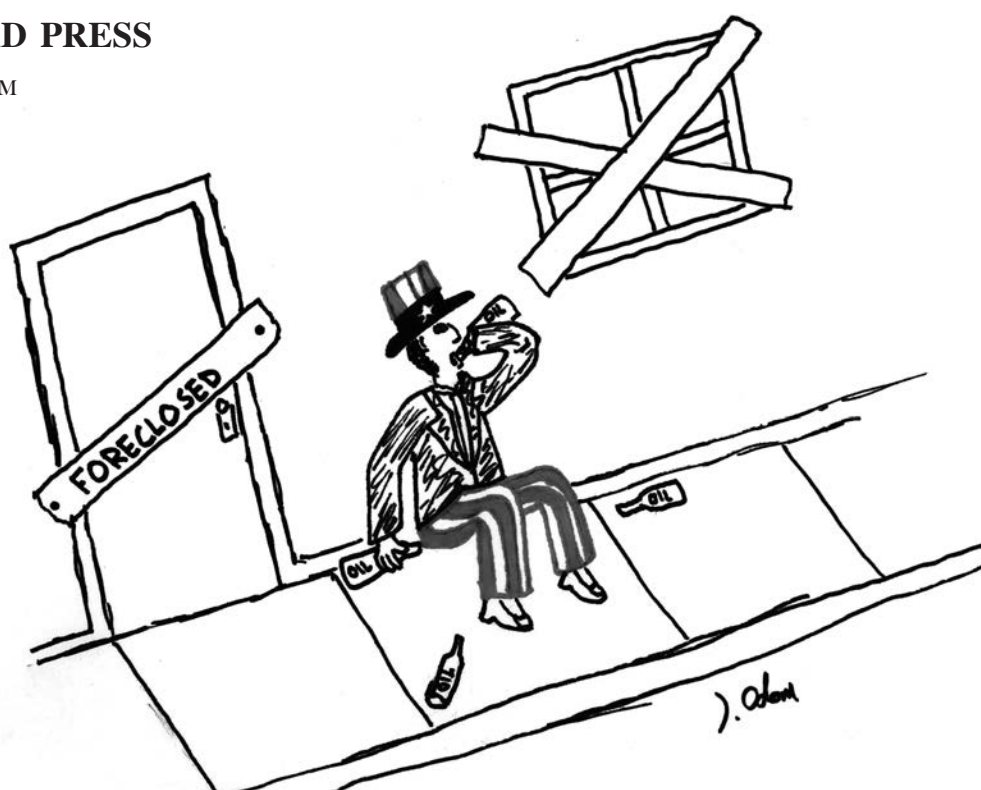
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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



Democracy not what America needs



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Democracy for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." There is something out of place here. This is the pledge of allegiance using Democracy instead of Republic. If you go into almost any school and ask a child what type of government we have, I would bet that at least a majority would say Democracy. And that's what they're taught in many public schools.

Teacher Vision, a web-based company that provides teachers with lesson plans and handouts, defines Democracy as "a government by the people, through free and frequent elections." Team Law, a non-profit educational organization set-up to educate Americans about the foundations of the American Legal system, defines a Constitutional Republic as having two principle elements. The first says that the nation "is controlled by law, therefore it does not control law." The second element is that "it recognizes the private independent sovereign, nature of a person of competent age and capacity, therefore a Republic must be representative in its nature."

I believe that both these definitions accurately describe their respective terms. If you examine the two governments they seem to have few differences. Both carry elec-

tions. Both are based, at least somewhat, on people ruling government. The main difference that I see is that in a Democracy the voters, and therefore citizens, have more power in running the government. This seems like it would be a great thing. Shouldn't American citizens have more power over the country?

In a word. No. Before you throw The Colonnade down in disgust for letting a Hugo Chavez-like tyrant write for it; let me show why Democracy is exactly the government America does not need. As I said, in a Democracy, the people have a greater say in what happens in the country. However, it's not all the people that get this greater say. It is the majority of the people in a Democracy that hold all the power. The majority chooses who represents everyone, how individuals' God-given rights are distributed and even who is entitled to what liberties.

In an egregious misuse of Democracy, post Civil War white Southerners created unconstitutional hurdles for African American to vote, with laws such as poll tax and literacy tests. In the 1940s, elected politicians, including President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, misused what they saw as American Democracy to vote with a majority to hold Japanese Americans, unconstitutionally, in nightmarish internment camps. A more recent unconstitutional foray into Democracy is the Patriot Act. President Bush argues that since the House of Representatives and Senate ratified this privacy-invasive legislation that it becomes the rule of law. He is wrong because the Constitution has precedence in law over congressional bills.

You can see where I'm going with this. Politicians have consistently over the course of American history used Democracy, or

public opinion, as justification for breaching the Constitution. Unfortunately, they got away with it at the time, though years later their actions have been ruled as unconstitutional. Well, technically the Patriot Act hasn't been ruled unconstitutional yet, but give it a few years.

In a true Democracy, the majority can determine the freedoms, abilities, inputs and outcomes of any given minority. Thisphil could be something as simple as a vote taken among friends to decide where to eat dinner. Or could be something as horrible as ten people taking a vote and deciding to take all of the tenth person's money. That is Democracy. It is also illegal in America...to an extent.

Why to an extent? Because that is precisely our income tax system. Voters decide who is in Congress and the Senate, and who is allowed to make tax-law. People who do not work and have no desire to, could vote for politicians that will raise taxes on "the rich." With the excess revenue from those pesky top 49 percent of income earners the politicians are easily able to kick-back a gift to the voters who gave them their seat in terms of expanded welfare or entitlement programs. That's Democracy. It's also called indirect robbery. This might be why when our founding fathers formed the Constitution they purposely stated that the only taxes imposed can be on tariffs and excises (consumption).

This means that the original tax system of America was completely voluntary. Why is this? Because, with exception of land (eminent domain in the Fifth Amendment) the government is forbidden from forceably taking property from American citizens. Even the Fifth Amendment is interpreted

to state that citizens would be granted fair-market value of their land, a seemingly even trade.

Our nation started out as this wonderful Constitutional Republic based on the inalienable rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Sadly, we have quickly digressed into a more democratic form of government where freedoms don't matter as much as a plurality. Whereas Congress used to convene primarily to ratify treaties, decide on war, and preside over interstate disputes; it now meets five days a week to take a stance on all pluralism issues from congratulating the Giants for winning the Superbowl to condemning Giants outfielder Barry Bonds for using steroids.

How did America go from having a small, non-intrusive federal government, to the over-bearing, monster we have now? It is because many Americans started seeing our nation as a Democracy. Before the 1930s, it was almost taboo to call America a Democracy because of the common mob-rule mentality associated with it. Today it is a freedom chant.

Philosopher Ayn Rand states, in a better way than I ever could, "Individuals' rights are not subject to a public vote. A majority has no right to vote away the rights of a minority." Statesmen like Thomas Jefferson would probably respond to this saying something to the effect of "well, duh!" But many politicians currently running our great nation don't understand this concept. Unfortunately, all it takes is a majority to believe that this nation is a Democracy and we can put the Constitution in the museum, because it would no longer have relevance in the courtroom.

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The Colonnade is going to New York!

We will going to New York City next week for a training seminar, so we will not have a paper out next Friday. There will also be no issue over Spring Break.



We will return to newsstands on April 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More firearms not a solution

Dear Editor,

In response to a previous letter to the editor, I would like to address some alternative thoughts, feelings and statistics that I have been researching since the Nation's sudden boost in concern for the safety of our college students.

While I understand the intensity of feelings stirred in reaction to the recent unfortunate occurrences at both Northern Illinois University and Virginia Tech, I am having a great deal of trouble comprehending the equation posed here by both Mister Isaac Turner and at least 13 other United State's bills currently in circulation in our House of Representatives. When I do the math, guns plus more guns does not

equal safety, especially not on a college campus.

If the stereotype holds true and regards most typical American college students as binge drinking, drug abusing, sex crazed, hormone-raging, highly stressed, 17-25 year old individuals, the answer is not putting triggers in the hands of the overtly anxious and commonly confused. According to the CDC, statistics show suicide rates peaking among college age Americans over the past five years. Ninety percent of suicide attempts by firearm result in death. We have to consider the inevitable rate of incidental as well as accidental shootings to inflate with the allowance of concealed weapons in this type of environment.

Regulation of firearms is entirely essential to the functionality of every educational environment. Guns pose a great threat to both public and student relations. The use of firearms would lead to a greater sense of fear in the community breeding further division among student relationships to peers as well as professors.

Instead we should be working together to improve our relationships on campus, especially through our differences, bridging gaps to fight the kinds of oppression and discontent that lead to acts of criminal injustice.

Most Sincerely,

Casey Sullivan
senior
studio art

Global Warming not a cult belief

Dear Editor,

While camping in the Okefenokee swamp with members of the Environmental Club and wetland courses, I read an article from The Colonnade entitled: "Global warming just a cult belief." The author attempted to expose environmentalists as part of a fundamentalist cult forcing Americans to "adhere" to a strict living standard that demands individuals quit driving cars and eating cow meat for the sake of the "opinion" of Global Warming. The question floating through my mind was, "Who the hell is this guy, and who allowed this misinformed article to be published?"

Although the article's purpose seemed aimed at defending the Bush administration's lack of concern for the environment, it failed irrevocably in relaying the truth about environmentalists' concerns and the simple changes they wish to institute in the awareness of the American public.

On our Okefenokee trip, we only brought a few essentials. Nature provided the rest: the ground on which to sleep, the sticks for the fire and the perfect weather. We kept two trash bags at all times: one for trash that couldn't be recycled and one for trash that could. The people with

whom I was camping were defined in Friday's article as "fundamentalist global warming alarmists" who want to force all of America to cease the use of cars and the consumption of cows. Yet only a few people present were vegetarian, and no one broke a sweat throwing trash in the appropriate bag or yelled bloody murder when the sun rose on a Sunday morning entirely too hot for the end of February.

Any person with common sense can just look outside their window to realize we've been subjected to chaotic weather; temperatures in the 80s at the end of December aren't quite natural. The explanation most anti-environmentalists like to spit out is that climactic cycles have ruled the Earth since origin. Although this is true, it does not address the main concern of environmentalists: that the Earth is experiencing an especially violent cycle that has broken the charts of climactic patterns which date back millennia before man even existed; the Earth is attempting to re-stabilize itself from the effect of polluting human activities that date back approximately to the Industrial Revolution.

The republican government is more concerned with laws about immigration than of the ice sheets melting in Antarctica with-

out realizing that the two issues are essentially inter-related. Two new studies mentioned in the Washington post show that the ice sheets are melting at the rate of 57 cubic miles per year. It doesn't take a scientist to realize that, when the people of Greenland run out of room, American ground will be the first alternative. But it seems that anti-environmentalists are more upset with the removal of chicken from McDonald's French fries than they are about a general respect and awareness of the environment. If the removal of chicken from McDonald's fries is really that heart-breaking, I would suggest switching to Checkers fries: they are far superior in taste and just as fattening!

Dr. Doug Oetter, an associate professor at GCSU and adamant environmentalist stated, "helping the dominant world view get over its addiction to fossil fuels isn't a cult, it is a movement" and it does not narrow down to an issue of "opinion." It affects humanity as a whole and requires that we properly educate ourselves in matters of conservation, reuse, and respect for the very air we breathe.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Onofri
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CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

- In the article "African issues a concern for everyone," Aubrey Petkas' name was misspelled.
- In the article "GCSU makes the grade for service honor role," Gamma Sigma Sigma, the on-campus national service sorority, hosted Project Linus, not The GIVE Center.
- In the article "Bobcat Golfers take first," it said that Joe Young shot a two-round score of 171. He actually shot 141 for fifth place overall in the tournament.

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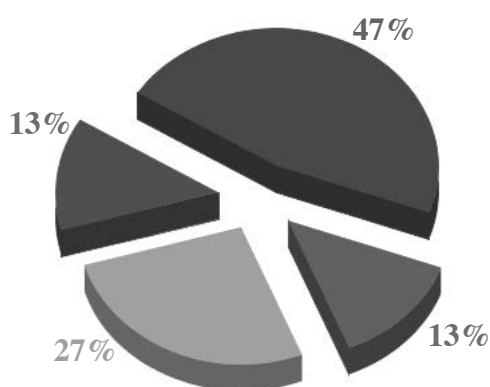
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

How did registration go for you this year?

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Excellent | 47% |
| Horrible | 27% |
| Fair | 13% |
| Still working on it | 13% |



Next week's question:

Do you have plans for Spring Break?

Vote online at gcsunade.com



Are you staying in Milledgeville for the summer?
If so, what will you be doing?



"No, I'm doing a mission trip."

Anna Williams, freshman, nursing

"Yeah, definitely. I work. I've got to pay rent!"

Mike King, senior,
mass communication



"Yes, I'm going to be staying for the length of my lease at Bobcat, and I'm working at Chili's all summer."

Kim O'Toole,
sophomore, liberal studies

"No, I'm just here for one semester; I'm going back to France."

Marie Lefevre
junior, marketing

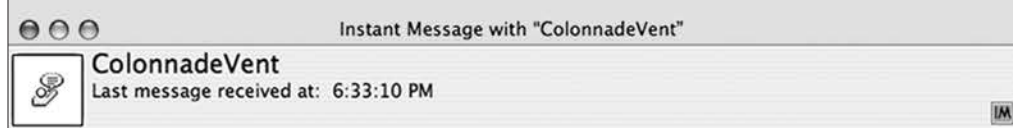


"I'm just a picture that The Colonnade uses on Facebook. I'm not going anywhere."

Colonnade Kid,
mascot, mass communication

Reported by Jen Fordham

The Litter Box



To the person who is trying to sell the silver dodge caliber... You've been trying to sell it since LAST SUMMER! Maybe nobody wants to buy it. I'm sick of you're emails everyday, your fliers everywhere on campus, your constant Facebook messages and your everyday post in the student digest. NOBODY WANTS YOUR CAR! GET OVER IT!

You think Milledgeville is boring? Try staying in a town with 1 stop light and no bars.

To my roomie: WASH YOUR OWN DISHES!

Dear Jerk Face: learn to treat your friends like they're your friends and not just verbal punching bags, or else you won't have any.

FYI, it's not the freshmen/"underclassmen" complaining about Homecoming being stupid. It's a bunch of seniors, because we've seen what petty things like Homecoming can do to our school. I personally felt our collective IQ go back up a couple hundred points when the rain washed that hideous chalk away. Next time, chalk for something constructive. Humanitarian efforts, maybe? Oh, I'm sorry, I used a big word and you forgot your dictionary.... Ah, why am I even wasting my time?

Teachers need to learn that if you are going to cancel class don't just call the secretary to put a note outside the door, an E-MAIL to the class takes only 5 seconds and is very much appreciated so I don't spend 30 minutes getting ready and 15 minutes walking to class just to turn around. You're wasting precious sleep time!!!!

How do I know I've been in college too long? It's 4 a.m., and I'm sending a message to a box that doesn't talk back.

EDITOR: We've been in college for too long because we're sitting behind a box at 4 a.m.

Yeah, I'm tired and stressing ... but I'm wearing fun socks.

I really hate the fact that the ladies' restrooms on this campus are filthy. I feel dirtier when I walk out of them than when I went in. The floors look like they haven't been mopped in at least two weeks, and while my list could go on, I will limit my gross detailing of full trashcans, unidentifiable smudges on the stall walls, etc. that might turn your stomachs. I only ask that the females using the restrooms would be more considerate of others and that the restrooms be mopped and emptied more frequently.



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Features

The Colonnade's Guide to Art and Entertainment

Friday, March 14, 2008

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Section Editor, Ana Maria Lugo

Celebration of cultures find GCSU

CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF REPORTER

The twenty-third annual International Dinner was held on March 8, and was a sold-out event. The event was put on by GCSU's International Club. The hungry crowd more than filled Magnolia Ballroom, with over 300 people in attendance. The attendees ranged from students, faculty members and other residents of Milledgeville, who all wanted a taste of international dishes they might never taste again.

The ballroom was adorned with the flags of the home countries of each participant, filling the room with a variety of colors. They also prepared a slide show that cycled through fun facts and trivia about the world.

The people there had a chance to partake in over 35 different dishes from 40 countries. There were foods such as Kukuru ko Masu, a chicken stew from Nepal, and chole, an Indian dish with chickpeas, curry and other herbs and spices. Some other countries represented were Spain, Jamaica, Argentina and Kyrgyzstan.

The food was not the only draw for the event. The dinner guests were entertained by dances from around the world. The show opened with a traditional Romanian dance performed by Adela Valcea. Six members of the

Salsa Club performed a dance to a Marc Anthony song, "Valio la Pena." Another dance was performed by freshman Andrea Valera, who did an Arabic belly dance.

In addition, there were also some African dances, including Coupe Decale, an energetic dance from the Ivory Coast. Another dance was from South Africa, called the African Tale Dance, which was used to tell a story.

Another group performed a storytelling piece, "Spring in my Heart." Elena Andreyeva danced as Ekaterina Zaynullina sang. The song told a story of a girl with a broken heart and her emotional experience.

Other students played musical pieces. One such piece was performed by two students who played Paul McCartney's "Imagine," one playing a traditional Chinese instrument, the erhu, which she has played since the age of 11 and the other accompanying on clarinet.

The International Club members also put on a fashion show of traditional dress. Several students from India and Bangladesh wore saris, while some African students showed their dresses for special occasions. Some other outfits shown were Japanese kimonos for both men and women, and other formal outfits from Colombia, South Korea and Belize.

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KATIE RAGAN / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Members of the International club hosted the twenty-third annual International Dinner. Over 35 dishes from 40 countries were represented.



KATIE RAGAN / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Belly dancing to Arabic drums performed by Andrea Valera.



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
The Jazz Band draws strong support and following from the school as well as the community.

Swinging in the season

Ana Maria Lugo
Senior Reporter

It was the old time swing time of rhythm and blues that gave the audience a treat to remember when the renowned GCSU Jazz Band performed to a packed Russell Auditorium on March 6 and 7.

The annual Spring concert included new additions to the Jazz Band including a new quartet named "Two O'Clock Jazz Band" appropriately named for the time the group practiced. The vocal quartet included seniors Amy Eller, Sydney Cash, Jeremy Skidmore and Robert Valentine.

As usual, the beloved jazz concert was attended by students, faculty and community members alike.

The popularity of the jazz band is evident by the number of community members in the audience.

Dr. Bob Wilson, GCSU historian and long time emcee of the jazz band concerts, is not at all surprised with the attendance and constant support of community members.

"It's the kind of music that a lot of these older community members grew up with and enjoy," Wilson said. "They are a huge part of the success that has followed the jazz band."

It was a night of swing combining vivacious and romantic music inspired by oldies but goodies such as swing king Benny Goodman, Peggy Lee, Jimmy Dorsey and Gene Krupa among others.

Jazz crooner Laura Dees, a junior musical performance major, has been singing for the jazz band since her freshman year and has become a familiar face with the jazz band.

"I enjoy performing this kind of music very much," Dees said. "Performing with talented musicians and singing songs that truly mean something has opened doors for me and made my experience here at GCSU that much better."

Dees performed a cover of highly infused "marimba rhythm" inspired song "Sway" that was recently revived by

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Lights, camera, action

ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

The university closed on the downtown campus theatre Feb. 22. After months of work, a purchase settlement of \$817,996 was closed on the 17,000 square foot building.

Now owned by the Georgia Board of Regents, the university is looking forward to proceeding with the renovations to restore the facade of the theatre.

Anticipated renovation costs remain at about \$6.9 million, though Bryan Jackson, director of University Communications, is very pleased with the exceptional job the previous owner, Randall Hattaway did stabilizing the building.

"He put a new roof on it, and made sure that it didn't

have water infiltration. Overall the building, for not being used for thirty years, is in pretty good shape," Jackson said. "Structurally, we're in pretty good shape. You can imagine if it wasn't, we might not be able to do the project because the cost would be so great."

Renovations are expected to begin within the next several months.

"The next step is to pull together the financing for the actual renovation construction. The plan is that it will go through Georgia Higher Education Facility Authority," Jackson said.

Profits from the bookstore and possible theatre rental space will be used to pay back the revenue bonds. Plans to expand the theatre from the 17,000 square feet to 21,000 square feet are also

in order.

Opportunities for the theatre space are infinite. One of the main goals of the theatre is that of a "black box" space.

"A 'black box' theatre is a small space where you can change the seating to any possible theatrical seating style that you can imagine," Dr. Brock Fisher, assistant professor of theatre and interim theatre chair, said.

This will allow for such events as theatre-in-the-round, traditional stage or even a concert venue.

"Russell (Auditorium) is a great venue, but you are kind of structured in the traditional stage setting, so if you have a program that kind of lends itself to a different configuration, the campus the-

Historic theatre Page 11

'Mayhem' ensues...



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Scott Tarazevits and Kyle Sutton, two-thirds of the trio Mayhem Poets, spread literary art to the audience. See the complete story on **Page 10**.

International Dinner

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The International Club members had been working very hard before the event, cooking, setting up and rehearsing.

"It's always interesting and fun because you're working with people from other cultures," said International Club advisor Libby Davis.

The kitchen of Northside Baptist Church was filled with the makings for a delicious dinner. The aroma of spices, not found in Milledgeville, wafted through the air as they prepared food. Ingredients ranged from the Wal-Mart staples of oats, tomato sauce and sugar, to the more exotic items of masala, an Indian spice blend, and ghee, a clarified butter that is also an Indian ingredient.

"Last Saturday, we took a day to shop in Atlanta," said senior biology major

Rishwa Patel. They went to DeKalb Farmer's Market and some international stores in the Atlanta area.

Outside the kitchen, some students were busy preparing a Japanese dish called ginger pork sauté, which consists of the title ingredients of ginger and pork, and some onions, soy sauce and sake. Others were in the kitchen cooking samaki, an entrée consisting of stewed tilapia and mandazi, an eastern African bread dish.

Although cooking everything might seem complicated, most of the dishes are not hard to make.

"It's not difficult, I do it all the time for myself," said Lillian Awiti, a junior nursing major from Kenya.

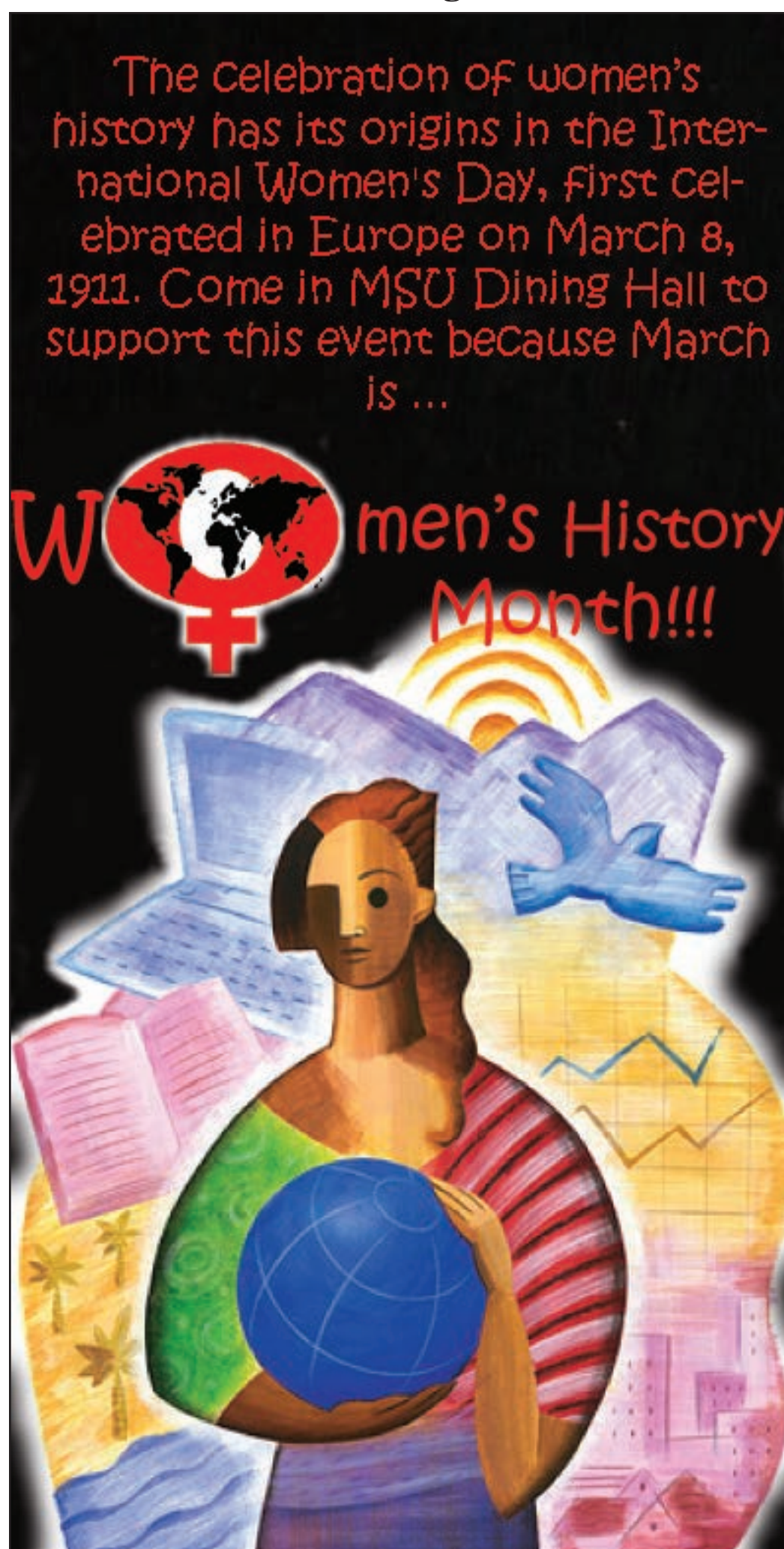
After all the hard work of the club's members, the dinner was a great success. The proceeds from ticket sales will go toward the Global Scholars' Fund, which helps pay for students who study abroad.



KATIE RAGAN / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The crowd was excited and nostalgic from a dance favorite "Macarena" that many danced along with.

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"Having met several years ago as students at Rutgers University, the young men have said that their name is a play on the world-domination Mayhem Project mentioned in the film 'Fight Club.' But their only weapon is words, specifically the snappy, streetwise art known as slam poetry." -Laurel Graeber, The New York Times

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Information compiled by S. Ashlee Mooneyhan

A 'Mayhem' of words

ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

A new kind of cool inspired and awed the audiences with the hip-hopping beats and poetic talents of Mayhem Poets. The trio of poets include Kyle Sutton, Scott Tarazevits and Mason Granger. The three met as students at Rutgers University and took poetry to another level inducing it with hip-hop, theatre and comedy. They performed for GCSU students on Tuesday, March 11, in Magnolia Ballroom.

They are acclaimed artists performing all over the world and renowned by critics including the prestigious New York Times.

These poets know their roots. These poets aim to inspire as they travel to middle schools, high schools and colleges of the nation to bring back literature and art into the medium.

"I want folks to pick-up pens instead of guns," Sutton said. "Poetry means everything to me."

The provocative twists of humor and wit keep the performance alive and touches subjects in real time. Granger's "Textual Healing," a poem dedicated to the text-obsessed and lack of intimacy that the new communication age has produced, is one of the many poems addressing issues that hit close to home.

"She only talks in text messages," Granger said. "Send in a plethora instead of a two minute call, it's an hour long of text-a-marathon. And when we do talk its awkward because it's been too long..."

Most of the trio's poetry came out of the streets, combined with education and a call for social awareness including topics such as race and global warming. But this is not "gangsta." It's a wave of modern tongue-in-cheek performance that spells cool and edgy, provocative and side-splittingly wacky and takes a certain kind of educated understanding.

One of the Mayhem's famous poems is

Tarazevits "The Other Side." It starts with coquettish undertones of Tarazevits talking elaborately and descriptively about juicy thighs and tender breast undermining expectations that the ode in fact is not about a woman but about his deep-love for that juicy and tender golden fried chicken.

"I thought it was absolutely hilarious," Trevor Boddington, a junior physical therapy major, said. "I didn't expect that but its what keeps the program highly anticipated."

The trio has constantly entertained and educated, a main reason why the Campus Activities Board (CAB) has decided to bring them back.

"They are extremely funny and smart," Molly Winzork, a sophomore psychology major and CAB member said. "They bring in something new and different and we like exposing the students to that."

But it wasn't all completely about laughs.

Sutton dedicated a poem to the "queen bee" that raised him by recalling his mother's strength, resilience and courage as she battled through illness that eventually took her life.

Such inspirational and moving performance echoed in the air, ending his dedication with "I hope she's still humming. I love you Mom."

The trio is not only spreading their love of words, they are also doing their civic duty by spreading social awareness through their worldwide project of global domination called "Mayhem Project."

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Historic Theatre

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atre is really going to be able to meet that need," Jackson said.

The faculty and students of the theatre department couldn't be more pleased with the idea of a new theatre.

"I think every theatre department hopes that they can have a space that's in the center of the action, that is going to be a cultural center for the town," Fisher said. "I think with the campus theatre that's something that we're definitely expecting and excited about is that it's right there in the middle of the town, everybody can get to it."

Sophomore theatre major Rachel Edmonds is very enthusiastic about the new possibilities of the downtown campus theatre.

"I am really, really excited about it. To be able to work in a different theatre, and for it to be downtown, will be really fun, especially with the marquee," Edmonds said.

"I think that we get excited about the new theatre, because it makes us feel appreciated. That's something that every department wants every once and awhile, to get some attention and to feel appreciated," Fisher said. "And our students, not just for the faculty—it makes the students feel like they're being recognized."

The new theatre will also lend itself to provide storage space for the theatre department, something that they are in

desperate need of.

"We need a new theatre because it's getting almost impossible to recruit (students) with the current spaces that we have," Fisher said. "They go to other schools across the state, and they see that they've got really exciting, hot new spaces and we've got our Russell, which is nice, but it's actually a neat historic space. We're excited about the idea of having a space where, finally, we can bring technical students in, and they can get excited about different features and effects."

The bookstore, which will be located in the front of the theatre, will not only have textbooks but general titles as well.

"That really fits into trying to do what President Leland likes to do; she likes to find projects that have that synergy—they help the school, but they also help the community," Jackson said.

The campus theatre is just one of many projects being taken on by the university. In fact, many projects are in the process of being renovated. The university currently has a six year plan for several of the buildings around campus, and while the campus theatre does not fall under the six year plan, it is just as significant.

The interior of the old courthouse on the corner of campus does fit into that plan, as well as plans to renovate Beeson. Ennis Hall, currently housing The GIVE Center on the first floor, is in the works to one day be the home of the art department.

The hope for Mayfair Hall, which is

now part of the art department, is that it will be renovated into an inn for visiting faculty and speakers that come to campus. There are also plans for a faculty community space where faculty to meet in a casual atmosphere.

"You see a lot of construction, a lot of changes on campus, but there is still more to come; that'll enhance our academic spaces, bring some of these buildings that are still on the tail end of being renovated, online," Jackson said.

The university is working hard to maintain the historic building in the community.

"We've gotten a lot of praise, not just us but Milledgeville itself, for working to try to restore downtown and bring it back," Jackson said. "You can appreciate the hard that is going in by so many people in this community, including the university."

As of now, the goal is to have the campus theatre ready for the theatre department by Fall 2009.

"There's been a lot of comment referred from people in the community who remember going to see Saturday matinees. They could go in there in the air conditioning and cool off and watch a Walt Disney movie," Jackson said. "It's easy just to bulldoze stuff and put up a cinderblock building. It takes a little more effort to take a building that is historical in nature, finding a way to re-adapt it, so I think the campus theatre is a great project that really kind of highlights being able to do that."



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Sydney Cash serenades the audience with swing hits.

Swing

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famous swing and jazz crooner Michael Bublé.

"Sway" was originally a mambo song recorded by Mexican crooner Pablo Ruiz, and later popularized by Dean Martin in the English version.

Sydney Cash, a senior music major and another jazz band songstress, also entertained the audience with songs made popular by greats such as Natalie Cole and her song "L-O-V-E."

The jazz band's crowning moments really relied on the solos performed by the seniors that were highlighted for the performances.

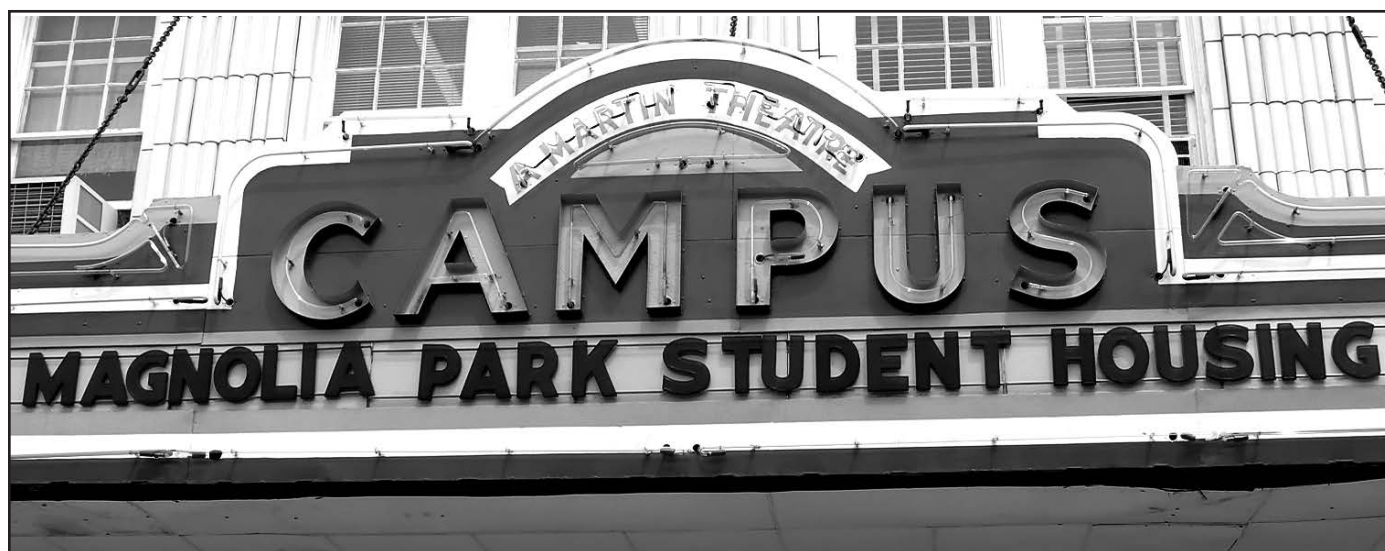
Senior music education

major Corey Tanner was featured on trombone performing the beautiful ballad "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most."

"It was a privilege and an honor to play with such a group of talented musicians," Tanner said. "I've made a lot of memories and friends while I was here, and I really am gonna miss this when I leave after college."

Philip Gubser, also a senior music major, performed a mesmerizingly up beat piece, "Clarinate."

"The reason why the jazz band is so good is because not only are the musicians in it talented, they also put a lot of their hearts into it," Gubser said. "The audience can feel that when we perform."



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Lady Bobcats split with FMU



Sophomore shortstop Kayla Smith eyes a pitch against Francis Marion University at home Wednesday afternoon. The No. 2 ranked Lady Bobcats split the doubleheader and are currently 24-4 with a 3-1 record in the Peach Belt Conference.

BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

The No. 2 ranked GCSU softball team extended its winning streak to 14 games on Wednesday before losing the second game of a doubleheader against No. 10 ranked Francis Marion University.

The Bobcats took the first game by a score of 3-2 in 10 innings. They grabbed an early lead in the bottom of the first when sophomore shortstop Kayla Smith singled up the middle, driving home two runs. The Patriots tied the game at two in the top of the third inning, and both teams struggled to mount an offensive attack for the remainder of the game.

After two quick groundouts in the bottom of the tenth, it looked as if the game would continue. But, Kayla Smith struck again for the Bobcats. The shortstop started a rally by singling up the middle, advancing to second on a wild pitch and finally scoring on senior Brianna Hope's single to win the game for the Bobcats.

"I just wanted to see the ball, hit the ball," Hope said. "I had to take care of my pitcher and get the job done."

Mandy Chandler earned the win for the Bobcats, her thirteenth of the season.

"I was happy with the win, not really happy with my performance," the junior said.

Chandler went the distance in the win, giving up two runs

on five hits, walking five and recording 13 strikeouts. It was her thirteenth complete game of the season. Her season stats are nothing short of astounding; 163 strikeouts and a 0.71 ERA over 108 innings pitched. Opponents are hitting just .125 against Chandler this season.

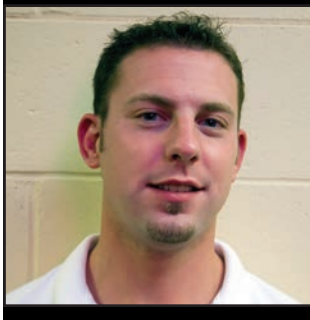
In the second game, the Lady Bobcats again took a first-inning lead as the result of an RBI single from junior Tonya Medders, who was the Bobcats' starter in game 2. She delivered again in the bottom of the third, doubling to center and making the score

"We want to win, we expect to win. We have loads of potential."

- Ginger Chaffinch,
GCSU softball
head coach

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

NASCAR: now I get it

On Sunday the NASCAR Sprint Series came to Atlanta Motor Speedway.

I'm not a big NASCAR fan, but I have followed it for a few years.

A lot of my friends, however, are huge NASCAR fans and perennially go to the two races that AMS hosts every year, so I decided that I would join them Sunday afternoon for my first NASCAR race.

I was blown away.

I'm not a person that can sit and watch an entire race on TV. I find that watching cars turn left over and over to be a bit on the boring side.

So, on Sunday afternoons I typically flip back and forth between the race and baseball, golf or football depending on the season.

I sat in the Elliott Grandstands on turn three, and from the drop of the green flag, I was unable to remove the smile from my face, especially as the cars entered turn three and zoomed by me with their engines roaring.

The whole atmosphere was unlike anything I have been apart of before. I have been to Indy races, and all sorts of other sporting events, but this was just different.

Most of the fans were so into it. When Dale Earnhardt Jr. took a huge lead early in the race, the fans (who I would say were about 75 percent Junior fans) were ecstatic.

Personally, I don't really have a favorite driver, I do tend to pull for racers that drive Chevys, but I found myself cheering just for good racing.

In the end Kyle Busch, the 22-year-old immensely talented driver, took the checkered flag with teammate Tony Stewart behind him and Junior taking third.

I really didn't care who won. I had fun. As much fun as I remember having in a long, long time

So, if you are a sports fan I insist, whether or not you are a NASCAR fan, that you go to a race at least once in your life. I did, and I know I will go to another one, hopefully sooner than later.

Baseball team takes 2-of-3 from GSW

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team took two out of three games last weekend when they hosted Georgia Southwestern State University, to move improve to 3-3 in the Peach Belt Conference.

Head coach Tom Carty was pleased with the victory but continues to look for improvement in his starting pitching.

"It's always good to win a series," Carty said. "We let game two get away from us, but at the end of the day when you wake up Monday morning having won a series that puts us at .500 in conference, you have to feel good."

After game one was pushed from Friday to Saturday due to rain, sophomore lefty Clete Jessup got the start on the mound.

Jessup lasted only two innings surrendering four earned runs on five hits, before being relieved by junior Jay Clark.

"We're still looking for consistency," Carty said. "Consistency of starting pitching, I have said it since day one. We have to get better starting pitching. We're still looking to get all three pitchers having good outings in one weekend."

Clark pitched 4.1 innings holding the Hurricanes to three hits and one earned run, giving the Bobcats a chance to stay in the game after finding themselves down 5-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning.

GCSU answered posting three runs in the sixth and seventh and adding two insurance runs in eighth to take a 10-5 win.

Senior closer Michael Newman earned his third win of the season by pitching the final 2.2 innings and striking out three Hurricane hitters.

Redshirt sophomore third baseman Brooks Robinson, freshman first baseman

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Tennis teams sweep at home



BRAYLI JAMES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

(Left) Senior Celine Martin prepares to serve Saturday afternoon against Mount Olive College. The Lady Bobcats dominated the Trojans sweeping all nine matches.

(Right) Junior Erick Siqueira returns a ball against Mount Olive. Siqueira won his match 6-2, 6-1, as the Bobcats took the series 8-1 at home.

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Bobcats fall in PBC, end season

BY MITCHELL DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

GCSU traveled to Aiken, S.C., last week looking to bring back the Peach Belt Conference title. Unfortunately, they returned without a championship win. A hard fought game against eventual tournament winner Clayton State University

proved to be too much for the Bobcats.

The Cougars of Columbus State University were GCSU's first tournament opponent. The first half belonged to the Cougars, who went on a 14-2 run at the end of the first half to take a 42-32 lead into half-time.

"My hats off the Columbus," said head coach

Terry Sellers in a press release. "They are a dangerous team, and they out-worked us in the first half and beat us to the ball on the board. In second, we knew we had to execute better because the season was on the line. Our guys were determined that they didn't want this to be

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Stat of the Week

297

The number of threes made this season by the GCSU men's basketball team. This was a new team record, destroying the previous mark of 249. Junior guard Shaun Keaton led the way with 88.

Ladies end season with first round loss in PBC Tourney

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Lady Bobcats basketball team closed the curtain on its 2007-2008 season last Wednesday in the first round of the Peach Belt Conference Tournament.

The team had completed its regular season play with an overall record of 13-14, including 8-12 in the PBC. All season long, players and coaches seemed to share the belief that this team was more talented and simply better than its record reflected.

Senior point guard Lindsey Smith echoed the sentiment.

"Of course I was disappointed with the way the season played out," Smith said. "As a leader on this team, I know what we could have done, but it just didn't happen for us."

Assistant coach Maurice Smith remained positive during the team's struggles.

"You know, it was really a season of adversity," Smith said. "We were dealt a short hand with some injuries and things, but overall I'm proud of what the girls accomplished."

The team's record gave them the No. 9 seed in the tournament, and placed them in the play-in game against No. 8 seed North Georgia College & State University, a team which GCSU split the regular season series with.

The Lady Bobcats' leading scorer, freshman guard Dominique Huffin, sat out with an injury. The lack of her offense was obvious as GCSU fell to the Lady Saints 74-64. A balanced attack from NGCSU, with four players scoring in double digits, was too much for the shorthanded Lady Bobcats.

One of the two double-digit scorers for GCSU was another senior playing her final game, guard Elicia Lynch. She tallied her career high and led all scorers with 22 points, including six-of-14 on threes. Lindsey was the other, scoring 11 points and dishing out seven assists. She also recorded four steals in her final game as a Lady Bobcat.

Also playing her last minutes for GCSU, was center Ashley Williams, the team's second-leading scorer, who finished with six points, five rebounds, and four steals on a sub-par shooting night by her standards.

A week after the final buzzer sounded, Lindsey explained her feelings at the conclusion of an outstanding career.

"You know, it's weird, I've just been thinking we're going to have practice tomorrow or the next day," she said. "It's strange realizing it's all over."

Coach Smith recognizes just what the Lady Bobcats are dealing with this offseason.

"Obviously losing Smitty and Ash is a huge blow to the program," he said. "The point guard and center are probably the most important positions on the floor, and we just lost both of them."

However, there may be hope for the young Lady Bobcats squad next season.

"Me and Ashley and the other seniors playing together so much has made us very effective, but Coach Carrick did a great job of bringing the younger players along, getting them playing time," Lindsey said. "Coach always recruits well, so I think the team will be okay next season."

The recruiting process should produce pleasing results, according to Smith.

"We feel comfortable

with the mix of players we'll have, with junior college and high school players coming in," he said. "We are locking up guards early, and then working on post players."

If the offseason is as productive as Lady Bobcat fans hope for, perhaps the losses of senior leaders Smith, Williams and Lynch can be overcome. If not, next season has the possibility of being a textbook rebuilding year. Young players will be forced into extensive playing time and roles they are unaccustomed to.

Guard Emily Bixler and forward Tiauna Brantley will be the upperclassman returning starters next year as seniors, and the team will look to them for leadership on both ends of the court.

Sharpshooting guards Mandi Dudish and Huffin will patrol three-point territory as sophomores.

Aside from these players, it is unclear what the 2008-2009 Lady Bobcats will look like. If bench players step up in the offseason, and the coaching staff brings in a variety of talent, the PBC may have a solid GCSU squad to contend with.

Lady Bobcats 2007-2008 season leaders



Ashley Williams

Rebounds: 253

Blocks: 33



Lindsey Smith

Assists: 174

Steals: 86



Dominique Huffin

Points: 374

Baseball

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Benton Yaun, and sophomore designated hitter Andrew Evans each knocked two hits. Robinson added three RBI's, two runs scored and two stolen bases out of the leadoff spot, while Evans recorded two RBI's and two runs scored in the game.

"(Robinson) has done a nice job in the leadoff spot," Carty said. "We'd like to have (injured sophomore centerfielder) Sean (Harrell) back, but Brooks can do the job. He can get the extra-base hit and also run and steal some bases."

The Bobcats dropped game two 14-5.

Senior Shaun Monica started on the mound and pitched 6.1 innings, giving up four earned runs on four hits and four walks, while striking out eight GSW batters.

Monica had a 5-2 lead going into the seventh inning, but surrendered a run after giving up a walk and a double in the inning.

Sophomore Andrew Harris relieved him, but could not retire the only batter he faced, and was lifted for senior Sean Heimpel, after allowing a run that made the score 5-4.

Heimpel also failed to retire a batter in the inning, allowing a double, single and two runs before Newman was brought into the game. Heimpel was charged with the loss, his third this season.

The Hurricane pitching shut down the Bobcat offense, surrendering only four hits. Sophomore shortstop Chandler Snell collected two of those hits and scored a run. Senior second baseman, and former GSW player Tommy Rice, went one-for-three and scored a run in the game.

"We hate to let game two get away from us," Carty said. "But you have to feel good about a series win."

GCSU turned it around and took game three 15-4.

The Bobcats jumped out to an early lead posting seven runs in the first two innings, while freshman starter Eric Pettepther threw six innings, allowing six hits and four earned runs and striking out seven batters to earn his second career win.

Sophomore reliever Jamie Ammons pitched the seventh inning, and classmate Brandon Owens pitched perfect eighth and ninth innings to lock down the win.

Robinson had another strong game batting two-for-four with three RBI's and two runs. Junior right fielder Danny McCorkell added three hits, two RBI's and two runs.

In all the Bobcats combined for 14 hits in the game.

GCSU is currently 14-9 and travels to Dahlonega, Ga. this weekend for a PBC series against North Georgia College & State University.

"We feel good," Carty said. "We're sitting at 3-3 (in the PBC) with the North Georgia series right in front of us. We've just got to get the starting pitching together and go from there. I hope it clicks this weekend and we find out who those three pitchers are."



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Senior starter Shaun Monica fires a pitch at John Kurtz field Sunday. The Bobcats took two of three games from Peach Belt Conference rival Georgia Southwestern State University.

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"CAUGHT A BUZZ - CATCH A RIDE"

Briefs: Tennis squads keep rolling, beat Mount Olive

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Women

The Lady Bobcat tennis squad moved from No. 17 to No. 15 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Division II poll this week.

The team also swept Mount Olive College at home Saturday afternoon. Led by senior Celine Martin, the Lady Bobcats battled the Trojans and the wintery weather.

Martin grabbed a 6-0, 6-2 win in first singles, and teamed up with junior Marjorie Ceppo to take first doubles 8-1.

Martin also, was named tennis player of the week in the Peach Belt Conference.

Ceppo dominated her second singles competition with a 6-2, 6-0 win.

Sophomore Dianne Danna and senior Sophia Intriago nabbed an 8-0 victory at second doubles.

Danna added a win at third singles with her 6-2, 6-1 victory.

In all the team grabbed victories in all nine matches.

GCSU is back in action this week traveling to Lander University on Saturday, before hosting Florida Southern University on Sunday and Drury University on Wednesday.

Men

Despite an 8-1 victory over Mount Olive on

Saturday, the GCSU men's tennis team dropped to No. 22 in the ITA Division II rankings this week.

The Bobcats dominated singles taking all six matches.

Junior Erick Siqueira, ranked No. 13 nationally, defeated Victor Lage 6-2, 6-1 to claim first singles.

Junior Francis Yoshimoto took second singles with a score of 6-3, 6-3.

Sophomores Max Belianku, Joao

Casagrande and Giovane Nucci, and senior Matthew Belenchia also added singles wins.

Siqueira and Yoshimoto dominated first singles with an 8-0 score, while Nucci and Beliankou won at third singles.

Belenchia and Casagrande suffered the team's only loss of the series, falling 8-6 at second singles.

The Bobcats are in action at Lander on Saturday.



BRAYLI JAMES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Giovane Nucci warms up Saturday afternoon. Nucci won his match 6-1, 6-2 at fourth singles over Mount Olive. The Bobcats travel to Lander University on Saturday for a Peach Belt Conference matchup.

Softball

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2-0.

After being shut out for ten consecutive innings, the Francis Marion bats showed signs of life in the top of the fourth inning of game two.

Four hits and one hit batsmen resulted in two runs to tie the game. The Patriots broke the tie during their next at-bat, scoring three runs and knocking out Medders in the process. The Bobcats scored once in the bottom of the fifth to close the gap, but it wasn't enough as they failed to score for the remainder of the game, resulting in a 6-3 loss.

The Bobcats stranded a total of 12 baserunners in the game, including leaving the bases full at the end of the fifth and sixth innings.

Medders was saddled with the loss, her second of the season. She gave up five runs on five hits, walking one and fanning three batters in over four innings of work. It was the second-highest run total allowed in a game this season by the Bobcats.

Head coach Ginger Chaffinch was disappointed with the loss.

"We want to win, we expect to win," she said. "We have loads of potential – we have enough to win all the rest of our games. We've got to consistently put it together for seven innings."

Despite the loss, the Bobcats are one of the top teams in the nation. Before the loss Wednesday, the team had won 14 consecutive games and 22 of their previous 23. Thus far, the team is 3-1 against Peach Belt

Conference opponents and 3-1 against ranked teams.

The GCSU Softball Team will be in action at home next Wednesday at 4 p.m. when they face conference rival the University of South Carolina at Aiken. The following week, the team plays four road games before returning home to host Armstrong Atlantic State University on April 1.



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior outfielder Ashley Payne runs to third base Wednesday afternoon. The Lady Bobcats are back in action on Saturday when they travel to North Georgia College & State University.

Men

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their last game."

Senior center Aaron Clark led GCSU in the second half scoring 18 of his 22 points in the last 18 minutes to help the Bobcats rally to an 85-79 win over Columbus and move on to face Clayton.

The Lakers came into the tournament as the seven seed and had a tough road in order to reach the championship possibly having to play the one, two and three seeds in the tournament.

After dispatching their

first round opponent, the Lakers of Clayton State moved on to play the two seed, Augusta State University. A nail biter ensued, with the Lakers pulling off the biggest upset of the tournament, up to that point, winning 63-62.

They then met the three seed, GCSU. Junior guard Shaun Keaton led the Bobcats with 22 points and shooting four-of-nine from three-point range. His efforts were not enough as GCSU only shot 37 percent from the field and 66 percent from the free throw line.

"Give them some credit," said Sellers on the PBC website. "They picked up

their defensive intensity and really started giving us some problems and we didn't handle it as well as we should have. They were putting good pressure on the ball and it wasn't like we were just throwing it away – they had something to do with it."

The Bobcats fell 73-6. With that loss and Clayton's eventual win in triple overtime against the top seeded University of South Carolina at Aiken, GCSU did not earn a bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

The Bobcats end the season with a 20-10 record including 13 wins in the PBC.

Men's basketball 2007-2008 season leaders



Aaron Clark

Rebounds: 220

Blocks: 25



Shaun Keaton

Points: 482

Steals: 37



Ty Rowland

Assists: 80

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Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

- 12 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. #22 Florida Southern - Centennial Center
2 p.m. Macon Symphony Orchestra - Russell Auditorium

Monday, March 17

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. GEICO Full - Time Job Interviews - The Career Center - 232 Lanier Hall
7:30 p.m. "Music She Wrote" : Tina Stallard, Soprano, Jennifer Flory, Mezzo-Soprano, and Jennifer McGuire, Piano - Max Noah Recital Hall

Tuesday, March 18

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. AT&T Mock Interviews - The Career Center - 232 Lanier Hall
12:30 - 1:45 p.m. "Composition and Conduct(ing): Contemporary Women in Music" - Women's Resource Center
6 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. Philadelphia - Kurtz Field - West Campus
7:30 p.m. Campus Outreach -180

Wednesday, March 19

- 12 - 1 p.m. "What Can I Do With a Biology/Chemistry Degree?" - 252 Herty Hall
12:30 p.m. Women on Wednesday - Women's Resource Center
12:30 p.m. SGA Meeting - Student Activities Center - 3rd Floor
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall
2 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball vs. Francis Marion - Kurtz Field
2:30 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. #18 Drury - Centennial Center
6 p.m. Project Impact - Pine Lounge, Student Activities

Thursday, March 20

- 7:30 p.m. GCSU Concert Band Spring Concert - Russell Auditorium

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The GIVE Center is looking for students and organizations that are going on a mission trip a service trip, or an "Alternative Spring Break" event in a few weeks. They are working with the Coverdell Institute on their upcoming trip but are looking for more volunteers they can assist. The GIVE Center has some limited funding that may be able to help the organization or individual students involved in volunteer effort. Disposable cameras, supplies and small tools are available. The GIVE Center is also willing to help students track all their hours. For more information get in touch with Kendall Stiles, the director of The GIVE Center by phone at 478-445-5700.

GEICO and AT&T conduct interviews

GEICO will be back on campus to conduct interviews on Monday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Madie Martin, GEICO College Recruiter, will be interviewing for the following positions: Telephone Claim Representative Trainee, Service Representatives, Sales Representatives and Claim Representatives. Furthermore, on Tuesday, Mar. 18 from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. AT&T, one of the largest telecommu-

nications companies in the world, will provide GCSU students with the chance to have a Mock Interview with them. Both events will give students valuable chances to learn more about each company. For the mock interviews, even if students do not have intentions of ever working with AT&T, this is a fabulous chance to practice the skill of networking. Sign up at the Career Center, 232 Lanier Hall, or call 478-445-5384.

Expert in the history of racism comes to GCSU

GCSU will welcome Dr. Robert Bernasconi, who will speak on "The Five Periods In the History of Racism" to the Arts & Sciences Auditorium on Thursday, March 20. The speech will begin at 2 p.m. and should last until 3:15 p.m.

Bernasconi is the Lillian and Morrie Moss Professor of Philosophy at the University of Memphis. Bernasconi has done extensive research in the concepts of race and racism, particularly in relation to the history of philosophy. He has written many articles on race, racism, African philosophy, slavery and related topics. He has also edited and published an enormous amount of material relating to these topics.

"I was completely unprepared for the levels of institutional racism that dominated so many parts of the United States. In order just to better under-

stand my new environment I began reading and when I realized there was no recent, reliable philosophical history of race, I determined to try and write one," said Bernasconi, on why he began to extensively study race.

The speech is being sponsored by the Coverdell Institute, the American Democracy Project, The Department of History, Geography and Philosophy, Cogito, The Africana Studies Program, The Department of Institutional Advancement and Multicultural Affairs, and The Honors & Scholars Program.

"He will bring historical information many do not know, so when we talk about race in the future, we will be more knowledgeable," James Winchester, an associate professor of philosophy and interim director of the Honors & Scholars Program, said.

Bernasconi's speech will show that there are a number of different kinds of racism, and people should not be led astray by focusing only on one.

An informal meeting will be held for anyone who has questions for Bernasconi or would just like to meet him. It will be in the Arts & Sciences building, room 251, from 12:30 until 1:50 right before the speech.

For more information, you can e-mail James Winchester at james.winchester@gcsu.edu or call his office at 478-445-1228.

THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Student accosted by employer

On March 7 at approximately 3:29 a.m., a student contacted Public Safety in reference to sexual battery. The student advised that he was working a job off campus and that his boss offered him alcohol. The boss then grabbed his genitals without consent. The student called a friend, who met him at the incident location. The student and his friend spoke with the offender, who stated he would not do it again and that he went outside his boundaries. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

Vehicle vandalized with black marker and beer cans

On March 10 at approximately 10:07 p.m., a male reported to Officer Pissott that his vehicle was vandalized while parked in the Centennial Lot. The male advised he was watching basketball games inside the facility, and when he went back to his vehicle, it had extensive damage which included symbols written in black marker in the drivers side front wheel, on the right side tailgate and across the front hood. The tire had either been slashed or the air let out. He also advised that he had seen several individuals in the area of his truck drinking beer earlier. There was a beer can sitting on the hood of his truck and several empty beer cans in the bed of his truck. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

Intoxicated student found lying on the sidewalk

On March 8, at approximately 1:49 a.m., Officer Baker observed a male lying on the sidewalk adjacent to the shrubs at Hancock and Liberty streets. Contact was made with the male, who was unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. He sustained minor abrasions to his cheek, chin and elbows when he fell into the shrubs prior to Officer Baker's arrival. He refused medical treatment. A check through GCIC found that he was 20 years of age. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Rival fraternity brothers clash

On March 10, at approximately 9:37 p.m., Officer Pissott was dispatched to the Centennial Center in reference to an affray. Contact was made with a male, who stated a rival fraternity brother began attacking him for no reason. Witnesses to the incident stated that the males had a verbal argument in the restroom, and that the two continued to fight physically outside the restroom. There were no visible injuries to the first male and no damage to the facility.

Possible gunshots reported

On March 10 at approximately 7:56 a.m., a female reported hearing gunshots near a building at The Village. She stated that before she heard the shots, she saw a gold in color shell casing in the northeast stairs on the second floor. Sgt. Williams responded to the scene and was unable to locate the casing or anyone else who may have heard the shots.

Information compiled
by Jamie Fleming

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gcsunade.com to download the
extended Public Safety Report podcast.



MARCH 14: LOST AN HOUR... BUT THERE'S NO SLOWIN' DOWN

The Student Government Association is an organization that answers to the needs, desires, concerns and problems of the students of GCSU. As one might be able to assume, there are many students on GCSU's campus and thousands of concerns and wants from those students. Not only is it hard to choose what problems to work on, it is quite difficult to work efficiently within higher education's system. Red tape and bureaucracy are scattered throughout GCSU's campus, as well as all other colleges in the United States. So, not to make excuses, but, even getting the smallest changes on campus, such as extending the library's hours by 120 minutes per week, is amazingly hard to accomplish. Fortunately, your SGA for this year has been successful in making many changes, and the year is not even over.

SGA Today is an update on what your Student Government is working on for you, the students. As many people have heard, our most recent achievement was the approval of a Fall Break for 2009. SGA devoted a specific committee to working on this challenge and a challenge it was. Classes must meet for 15 weeks and a specific number of minutes per credit hour. The capital makes all of these decisions, and it was very diffi-

cult to get extra days off throughout the fall semester. Luckily, this past Friday, it was approved through the university, and most students are excited to be able to get a few extra days off in fall of 2009.

Another large accomplishment for SGA this year has been the Sister Hazel concert, and more specifically, all of Homecoming Week.

School pride is a problem on GCSU's campus, and SGA decided that Homecoming is where a lot of school pride starts. This year Homecoming was hyped up more than ever before, and with the work of SGA, Campus Life, and all of Student Affairs, Homecoming was more of a success than ever. We look forward to making it even a bigger deal for next year. On a side note, SGA and Mr. and Miss GCSU elections were a bigger hit than the campus has ever seen in past elections. Electronic voting proved to bring in over 2,300 votes, a number that is some five times what SGA usually brings in with regular voting. Be on the lookout in August for more electronic voting with SGA senator elections.

Right now, SGA is working on a few things that relate directly to the students. A Night Safety committee has been established to review the safety of GCSU's campus. Multiple concerns have already sur-

faced such as precarious lighting locations, non-working call boxes and dangerous pedestrian areas. SGA is also promoting the purchase of the new GCSU license plate. If you are interested, feel free to come by the SGA office, or just look at the link on your MyCats page to order.

Most of student concerns on campus relate to student services, such as the bookstore, Chick-Fil-A, Sodex-Ho facilities, parking and health services. SGA has a specific committee, called the Student Services committee that is working on the numerous issues that relate to these services. For any complaints that relate to these services, please email SGA at student.government@gcsu.edu, and we will forward these concerns on to the committee.

In order to let students know exactly what SGA has been doing this year, SGA is also publishing an annual newsletter that will highlight accomplishments that SGA has had. Be on the lookout for that newsletter in the coming months, as we hope that you will be able to find it right inside of your information-filled Colonnade. If you have any questions relating to what SGA is currently doing or what SGA should be doing, please feel free to email SGA President Ryan Greene at ryan_greene@cats.gcsu.edu.

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